

**REMARKS**

Applicant appreciates the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Applicant expresses his appreciation to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 9-24.

Applicant has rewritten claim 7, deemed to be allowable, in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 6 and 7, and the latter two claims have been cancelled. The dependency of claim 8 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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